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Applicant: HIRANO, Mitsuhito Application No.: 08/813,200 1104 Group: Filed: March 7, 1997 Examiner: For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS STATUS INQUIRY Assistant Commissioner for Patents October 29, 1998 Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Please advise the undersigned as to the status of the aboveidentified application. A duplicate copy of the present Status Inquiry is attached hereto. It is respectfully requested that the duplicate copy be marked appropriately to indicate the status of the above-identified application, and returned to the undersigned as soon as possible. Please call the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 if there are any questions with regard to the present request. RECEIVED NOV 03 1998 GROUP 2100 Respectfully submitted, BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP ROBERT V. RACUNAS

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